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<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/lab.html>

West Nile Virus - Encephalitis/Human

Provider Requirements	
Acceptable Specimen Sources/Type(s) for Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSF• Paired Serum Samples:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AcuteAND<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Convalescent (14 days)
TDH Requisition Form Number	PH-4182
Media Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red-stoppered vacuum tube (whole blood)• Sterile, plastic screw capped vial (serum/CSF)
Special Instructions	<p>PTBMIS Order Code: WSTNILE (West Nile Virus) StarLIMS Order Code: 4001 (West Nile Virus Panel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specimen should be kept refrigerated.• If testing will be delayed more than 48 hours post collection, serum should be aliquoted and stored at -20°C or colder.
Shipping Instructions	If specimen has been refrigerated, ship on cold packs. If specimen is frozen, ship on dry ice.
Laboratory Section Performing Testing	Serology
Lab Location(s) Performing Test	Nashville; Knoxville

All infectious substance shipments must conform to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR 49 C.F.R Parts 171-180).